

IN THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the status of the claims will be as is shown below. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Claims 1-23 (Cancelled)

24. (New) A service control point for controlling an outbound call using a subscriber's outbound call rule information, comprising:

a receiver that receives the outbound call rule information;

a memory that stores the outbound call rule information; and

a sender that sends at least one service control point control message based on action information when a switch message is received and a condition based on condition information is met, the switch message being received from a switch at the service control point in response to the outbound call being placed to a dialed number and received at the switch, and the service control point control message being sent to the switch for controlling the outbound call received at the switch;

wherein the stored outbound call rule information is configurable by a subscriber and is comprised of at least one rule, and

wherein each rule is comprised of a portion of the action information and a portion of the condition information.

25. (New) The service control point of claim 24,

wherein the condition information further comprises at least one condition related to at least a portion of the dialed number.

26. (New) The service control point of claim 25,

wherein the action information comprises information related to forwarding the outbound call to a number other than the dialed number.

27. (New) The service control point of claim 25,

wherein the action information comprises information related to submitting a personal identification (PIN) number.

28. (New) The service control point of claim 25,

wherein the action information comprises information related to sending a page to a paging device.

29. (New) The service control point of claim 25,

wherein the action information comprises information related to disallowing the outbound call.

30. (New) The service control point of claim 25,

wherein the action information comprises information related to prepending at least one prefix number to a dialed number sequence.

31. (New) The service control point of claim 25,
wherein the action information further comprises a dial-around code, and
wherein the action further comprises routing the outbound call via a carrier
associated with the dial-around code.
32. (New) The service control point of claim 25,
wherein at least one rule comprises a plurality of actions.
33. (New) The service control point of claim 24,
wherein at least one rule comprises a plurality of conditions.
34. (New) The service control point of claim 24,
wherein the outbound call rule information comprises a plurality of rules.
35. (New) A method for controlling an outbound call using a subscriber's
outbound call rule information, comprising:
receiving outbound call rule information configured by a subscriber;
storing the outbound call rule information at a service control point;
sending from the service control point to a switch at least one service
control point control message based on action information when a switch
message is received and a condition based on condition information is met, the
switch message being received from the switch at the service control point in

response to the outbound call being placed to a dialed number and received at the switch, and the service control point control message being sent to the switch for controlling the outbound call received at the switch;

wherein the stored outbound call rule information comprises at least one rule; and

wherein each rule comprises a portion of the action information and a portion of the condition information.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

receiving at the service control point from the switch the switch message in response to the outbound call being placed to a dialed number; and

sending from the service control point to the switch the service control point control message,

wherein the switch initiates an action based on the action information.

37. (New) The method of claim 36, further comprising:

determining whether at least a portion of a number dialed satisfies at least one condition of the outbound call rule information.

38. (New) The method of claim of claim 37,

wherein the switch forwards the outbound call to a number other than the dialed number based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

39. (New) The method of claim of claim 37, further comprising:

receiving a personal identification number (PIN) based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

40. (New) The method of claim of claim 37,

wherein a page is sent to a paging device based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

41. (New) The method of claim of claim 37,

wherein the outbound call is disallowed based on the action information of the subscriber's outbound call rule information.

42. (New) The method of claim of claim 37,

wherein at least one prefix number is prepended to a dialed number sequence based on the action information of the outbound call rule information.

43. (New) The method of claim 36,

wherein the action information further comprises a dial-around code, and
wherein the initiating further comprises routing the outbound call via a carrier associated with the dial-around code.

44. (New) The method of claim of claim 35,

wherein the switch initiates a plurality of actions based on the action information of the rule.

45. (New) The method of claim of claim 36, further comprising:

determining whether outbound call information in the switch message satisfies a plurality of conditions of the rule.

46. (New) The method of claim of claim 36, further comprising:

determining whether outbound call information in the switch message satisfies conditions of a plurality of rules.